

### **Remarks**

The first sentence of paragraph 32 and the last sentence of paragraph 42 have been modified in accordance with suggestions provided by Examiner in order to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added in the amendments.

Claims 24 and 28-38 remain in the application. Claims 1-23 and 25-27 have been cancelled. Claims 39-48 are new.

Claims 24, 30, 33 and, 35-38 have been amended in order to avoid invoking 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph. In particular, all instances of phrases such as –the steps of—have been deleted. Applicant wishes to note for the record that the amendments are neither narrowing, nor are the amendments being made for a reason substantially related to patentability. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added in the amendments.

Applicant has provided new claims 39-48 for evaluation. The new claims are intended to provide coverage for inventive content present in the withdrawn claims 1-23 and 25-27. Further, the new claims are supported by the disclosure and, as such; do not broaden the scope of the invention.

No new matter has been added.

A Petition for Extension of Time is filed concurrently with this response.

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Applicant requests favourable reconsideration of the amended application.

Respectfully,

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